**Joint venture for Deep sea Fishing**

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SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint venture for deep sea fishing proposal to be taken up with erstwhile Soviet Union is not likely to materialise;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the new independent Republics; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRI-DHAR GOMANGO): (a) Joint venture proposals in deep sea fishing received from Indian entrepreneurs for collaboration with companies from erstwhile Soviet Union are under consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Jobs generated by Pepsi**

2374. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES fce pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs Pepsi had offered to provide when it sought entry in the consumer goods sector in the country;

(b) the number of jobs so far provided by the company- and

(c) the reasons for the less number of jobs proyided by the company?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRI-DHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Original proposal of Mls. Punjab Agro Industries Corpn, joint venture with M/s. Pepsico Inc., USA and Voltas indicated direct and indirect employment generation of over 20,000 in the first five years via expansion pf processed food and beverage markets Punjab Government, however, had intimated likely employment creation to be of the order of 50,000 nationally including 15,000 in the farm sector. The project has reportedly generated direct and indirect employment of over 25,000 excluding the seasonal employments at the farm level. Creation of more employment opportunity will depend upon the progress of the project.

**Representation received from Rashtriya Adhyaksha, Khadi Gramodyog, Sewa Karmi Association**

2375. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

*(a)* whether Government have'received any representation dated ,2.6th November, 1991 from "Rashtriya Adhyaksha, Khadi Gramodyog, Sewa Karmi Association;"

(b) if so, the demands made therein and action taken thereon;

(c) whether alongwith the representation Government hav.; received a communication regarding audited accounts of Regional Gandhi Ashram. Rahul Nagar, Azamgarh (U.P.); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and. action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes. Sir.